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Applicant : Fitzpatrick, et al.  
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Sir:

Please find enclosed for filing Applicants' Response to Office Action. Please charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account 50-0951.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: January 25, 2006

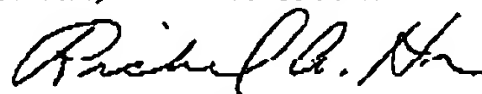
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 25, 2005 (Office Action), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this submission.


**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this submission.

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